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THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

The Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY,

On *Wedneſday, January* 22, 1794.

WITH

HIS MAJESTY'S

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, That the Addreſs of this Houſe, preſented to His Majeſty this Day, and His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Anſwer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and publiſhed.

George Roſe,

Cler' Parliamentor'.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the LORDS Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled.

Die Martis, 21° Januarii, 1794.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to return Your Majeſty our humble Thanks for Your Majeſty's moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne.

PERMIT us to aſſure Your Majeſty, that we ſhall enter with the moſt ſerious Attention into the Conſideration of the preſent Circumſtances of our Country, knowing that on the Iſſue of the Conteſt in which we are engaged depend the Maintenance of our Conſtitution, Laws, and Religion, and the Security of all Civil Society.

WE congratulate Your Majeſty on the Advantages which have been obtained by the Arms of the Allied Powers, and on the favourable Change which has taken place in the general Situation of *Europe*, ſince the Commencement of the War. We have ſeen with great Satisfaction the *United Provinces* protected from Invaſion, the *Auſtrian Netherlands* recovered and maintained, and Places of conſiderable Importance acquired on the Frontiers of *France:* We conſider the Recapture of *Mentz*, and the ſubſequent Succeſſes of the Allied Armies on the *Rhine*, as having, notwithſtanding the late Advantages of the Enemy in that Quarter, proved highly beneficial to the Common Cauſe; and we are alſo juſtly ſenſible of the powerful Efforts which have been made by Your Majeſty's Allies in the South of *Europe*.

WE reflect with particular Satisfaction on the Manner in which the Operations of Your Majeſty's Enemies have been impeded during ſo great a Part of the Campaign by the temporary Poſſeſſion of the Town and Port of *Toulon*; on the important and deciſive Blow which, in the Evacuation of that Place, has been given to their Naval Power, and on the diſtinguiſhed Conduct, Abilities, and Spirit, manifeſted on that Occaſion by Your Majeſty's Commanders, Officers, and Forces, both by Sea and Land.

WE beg Leave to expreſs the Satisfaction which we alſo feel in ſeeing that, during the Courſe of the preſent Year, the *French* have been driven from their Poſſeſſions and Fiſhery at *Newfoundland*; that important and valuable Acquiſitions have been made both in the *Eaſt* and *Weſt Indies*; and that while our Naval Superiority has been undiſputed, our Commerce has been ſo fully and effectually protected.

WE can aſſure Your Majeſty, that we are ſtrongly impreſſed both with the Neceſſity of vigorous and perſevering Exertions, and with the Expectations of ultimate Succeſs from the Conſideration of the Means by which the further Progreſs of the Allies has hitherto been impeded, and of the Syſtem from which our Enemies have derived the Means of temporary Exertion; ſuch a Syſtem, diſpoſing arbitrarily of the Lives and Property of a numerous People, and violating every Reſtraint of Juſtice, Humanity, and Religion, has neceſſarily been productive of internal Diſcontent and Confuſion, and has tended rapidly to exhauſt the natural and real Strength of that Country.

WHILE we join with Your Majeſty in regretting the neceſſary Continuance of the War, we are confident that Your Majeſty's Concern for the eſſential Intereſts of Your People will induce Your Majeſty to perſevere in the Purſuit of thoſe Objects, by which alone the ſolid Bleſſings of Peace can be ſecured; and to take

ſuch Meaſures as may moſt effectually provide for the permanent Safety of Your Majeſty's People, and for the Independence and Security of *Europe*. It is impoſſible for us not to ſee that the Attainment of theſe Ends is ſtill obſtructed by the Prevalence of a Syſtem in *France*, equally incompatible with the Happineſs of that Country, and with the Tranquillity of all other Nations; and, under this Impreſſion, we fully concur in the juſt and benevolent Sentiments manifeſted in the Declaration which Your Majeſty has graciouſly been pleaſed to communicate to us; and we have ſeen with the utmoſt Satisfaction ſo large a Part of *Europe* united in a Cauſe of ſuch general Concern.

We acknowledge, with Pride and Gratitude, the gracious Manner in which Your Majeſty is pleaſed to expreſs Your Majeſty's Senſe of the unſhaken Loyalty and firm Attachment to the eſtabliſhed Conſtitution and Government, which, notwithſtanding the continued Efforts employed to miſlead and to ſeduce, have been ſo generally prevalent among all Ranks of Your Majeſty's Subjects. The Zeal and Alacrity of the Militia, and the diſtinguiſhed Bravery diſplayed on every Occaſion by Your Majeſty's Forces both by Sea and Land, have afforded eminent Proofs of the ſame Spirit which pervades and animates every Claſs of the Nation; and encouraged, as Your Majeſty's Forces have been, by the diſtinguiſhed Example of Your Majeſty's illuſtrious Progeny, and by the Senſe of the Bleſſings which it is the Object of all our Exertions to preſerve, they have maintained the Luſtre of the *Britiſh* Name, and have ſhewn themſelves worthy of the Cauſe in which they are employed.

We entreat Your Majeſty to be perſuaded, that, in all our Deliberations, we ſhall bear in Mind the true Grounds and Origin of the War. We remember with juſt Indignation the Attack made on Your Majeſty and Your Majeſty's Allies, grounded on Principles which tend to deſtroy all Property, to ſubvert the Laws and Religion of every civilized Nation, and to introduce univerſally that wild and deſtructive Syſtem of Rapine, Anarchy, and Impiety, the Effects of which, as they have already been manifeſted in *France*, furniſh a dreadful but uſeful Leſſon to the preſent Age and to Poſterity.

We will on our Parts perſevere with Union and Vigour in our Exertions, ſenſible that by diſcontinuing or relaxing the preſent Efforts we could hardly procure even a ſhort Interval of deluſive Repoſe, and could certainly never obtain either Security or Peace. Deeply impreſſed with the Neceſſity of defending all that is moſt dear to us, and relying with Confidence on the Valour and Reſources of our Country, on the combined Efforts of ſo large a Part of *Europe*, and above all on the inconteſtable Juſtice of our Cauſe, we will afford to Your Majeſty all poſſible Support in the juſt and neceſſary Syſtem in which Your Majeſty is embarked; and we truſt that all Claſſes of Your Majeſty's Subjects will endeavour, by cultivating and practiſing the Principles of Humanity, and the Duties of Religion, to merit the Continuance of the Divine Favour and Protection, which have been ſo eminently experienced by theſe Kingdoms.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

I Return you My warmeſt Acknowledgments for this very dutiful and loyal Addreſs.—The Sentiments you expreſs reſpecting the preſent important Situation of public Affairs, and the Zeal and Union you have manifeſted in Support of thoſe Meaſures, which can alone tend to maintain the deareſt Intereſts of My People, and to ſecure the Tranquillity and Independence of Europe, *cannot fail of producing the happieſt Effects both at Home and Abroad. You may be aſſured that nothing ſhall be wanting on My Part to employ with Energy and Vigour, in a Cauſe of ſuch deep Concern, thoſe Reſources which I derive from the Wiſdom and Firmneſs of My Parliament, and from the general Attachment of My People to the Conſtitution and Government of their Country, and to the Intereſts of Humanity, Order, and Religion throughout all* Europe.

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